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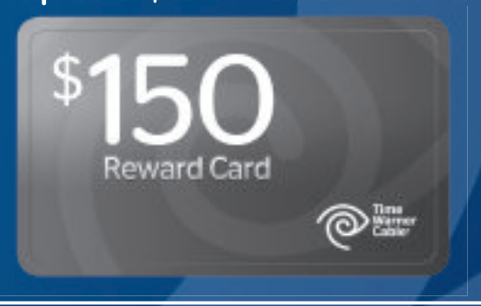

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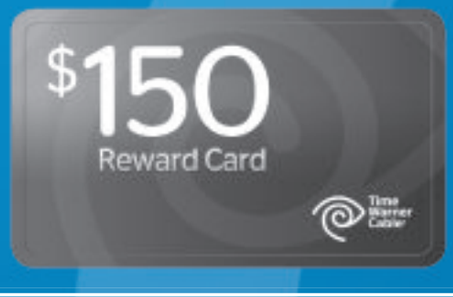

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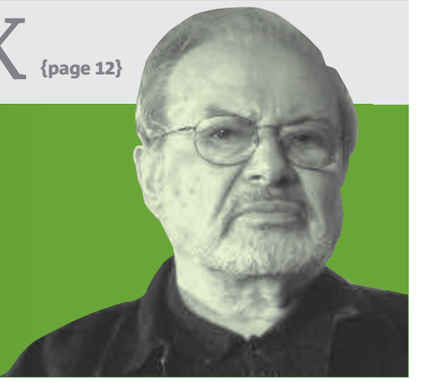

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No Princess Pippa in NYC

Sister to the duchess considering a move to New York ◗ She may be the queen of the London party circuit, but she won't be celeb-royalty in New York ◗ But a possible move already has paparazzi and celeb watchers buzzing

She won't cause a paparazzi frenzy like Beyonce, but she'll likely generate more camera flashes than ho-hum Liv Tyler.

Pippa Middleton reportedly wants to flee the constant paparazzi in London and thinks she may find some solace in Manhattan. A report surfaced yesterday in British magazine Grazia that the Duchess of Cambridge's sister is considering moving to New York City.

Middleton gained worldwide fame last year, as the maid of honor when her sister, Kate, married Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge.

She had mulled packing her boxes for Paris, but after an April incident when a friend pointed a fake gun at the paparazzi there led to bad press, she reportedly reconsidered.

After that incident, she hired a public relations firm to rehab her image, and aimed to shed the paparazzi, which voraciously follows her every step across the pond.

"The second she lands, I'm sure we'll be assigning reporters to cover her."
ALBERT LEE, EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF US WEEKLY

"Pippa sitting at a Knicks game would be an awesome picture, or in Yankee Stadium, or with Derek Jeter. The minute that happens the world will collapse into itself."
JILL STEMPEL, NEW YORK BUREAU CHIEF OF THE WORLD ENTERTAINMENT NEWS NETWORK

Stiff celebrity competition

Should she move here, Middleton will be a small fish in a big pond and face some competition for attention. Jill Stempel, New York bureau chief of the World Entertainment News Network, ranks Pippa's star power:

- Beyonce
- Lady Gaga
- Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux
- Kim Kardashian and Kanye West
- Sarah Jessica Parker
- **Pippa Middleton**
- Uma Thurman
- Maggie Gyllenhaal
- Liv Tyler
- Katharine McPhee
- Alexa Chung
- Tinsley Mortimer
- Ivanka Trump

The move to New York would also coincide with the launch of her party planning book, "Celebrate," which hits bookstores in October.

But readers crave royal news here, too, said Albert Lee, executive editor of Us Weekly. This week's issue celebrates William and Kate's one-year anniversary.

"If she's trying to get away from the press, she's coming to the wrong city," Lee said. "Pippa just walking down the street in a fashionable dress, people are interested."

He estimated that she would rank right smack in the middle of the city's celebrity-soaked scene.

"I would say that Pippa is not quite yet at the level of a Beyonce photograph, but she's certainly worth far more than a Courtney Love photograph," Lee said.

And Steve Sands, longtime celebrity photographer and founder of New York Newswire photo agency, said if she's trying to avoid camera flashes, she should hightail it to another city.

"She's going to be stalked 24/7," Sands said of the paparazzi. "They're going to make her life miserable."

Photos can reach up to $1 million for huge stars like Beyonce, Sands said, but added that Middleton probably couldn't touch that stratosphere yet — unless she had a baby or got married.

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▶ Pippa dating Derek Jeter? New York paparazzi can only hope.

In the news

Pedestrian hit, killed on Upper East Side

A man was struck by a truck and killed yesterday morning. According to police, at about 8:20 a.m., a 65-year-old man was hit at the corner of East 89th Street and First Avenue. He was crossing the avenue when the traffic light changed to green. A truck waved him across, but another vehicle began to move, and the pedestrian fell.
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In the news

Surprise alerts

The New York Straphangers Campaign reviewed thousands of e-mail alerts the MTA sent to riders last year and discovered that alerts were most often sent out about delays on the 2 and 5 trains. The fewest e-mail alerts were sent out about the G line. Signal problems were the No. 1 reason the MTA sent out service alerts last year.
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New York air controllers slept on duty, watched movies

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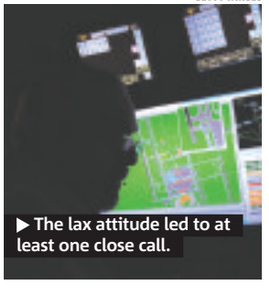

▶ The lax attitude led to at least one close call.

Air-traffic controllers in the New York City area slept on the job, watched movies on duty, left work early and repeatedly violated safety rules, a U.S. investigative agency told the White House and Congress yesterday.

Controllers at the facility that monitors traffic in a radius of about 50 miles around New York also used "careless and casual language" in communications with pilots, leading to at least one serious incident of planes getting too close, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, which investigates whistle-blower complaints, said in a letter.

The special counsel, in detailing that and six other misconduct allegations involving aviation, said the Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Transportation repeatedly have failed to address safety concerns.

Among the other substantiated complaints, the special counsel said, is that planes departing Teterboro Airport in New Jersey routinely got too close to jets flying in and out of Newark Liberty International Airport. The special counsel also said Delta Air Lines Inc. over several years didn't comply with U.S. safety rules on fuel tank and wiring systems.

In the New York air-traffic facility, supervisors were replaced and disciplinary action was taken against three managers in 2011, according to the letter.

Ashley Black, a spokeswoman for Delta Airlines, didn't immediately comment on the testimony. BLOOMBERG

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▶ President Barack Obama and Gov. Andrew Cuomo are led on a tour of the Albany NanoTech Complex, a nanotechnology robotic research center.

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Obama touches down in Empire State

He's often in New York City for pricey fundraising dinners, but President Barack Obama made the rare visit to upstate New York yesterday. In Albany, Obama met with New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to tour the Albany NanoTech Complex, part of the SUNY Albany campus. Obama hailed the center and the area. "Right now, some of the most advanced manufacturing work in America is being done right here in upstate New York," he said. METRO/CB

City asks New Yorkers to report domestic abuse

Perhaps you happened to overhear a neighbor's loud argument. And perhaps that fight got physical. Many New Yorkers might not know what to do, or may be afraid to get involved.

But with a new campaign, the city is asking New Yorkers to call 911 when they suspect domestic violence.

Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly announced a new program yesterday, "Don't Mind Your Own Business," encouraging New Yorkers to report domestic abuse.

Domestic abuse statistics remain steady, Kelly said, but police know that many more incidents go unreported.

In nearly a quarter — 23 percent — of domestic violence homicides, police had never before been called to the home, he said.

And in a city study, 60 percent of people knew a victim of domestic violence, but only half that number, 30 percent, said they would knew where to direct them for help.

"Silence is an accomplice to the crime of domestic violence," Kelly said.

The campaign, which began yesterday, includes signs asking New Yorkers to report domestic violence. The signs will be at bus shelters and newsstands.

The signs are in Spanish and Russian, which Kelly said reflects the languages in neighborhoods where they receive the most calls. Neighborhoods most impacted by domestic abuse include Parkchester in the Bronx and East Flatbush and Bedford Stuyvesant in Brooklyn.

Many victims do not call police because they are scared, ashamed or want to protect the family member, police said.

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"New Yorkers need to do what they do best. They need to speak up."
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New York City's film industry at all-time high

TV and film production in NY generated more than $7 billion last year Industry has created 130,000 jobs, from screenwriting to costume design and construction

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The cast of "Gossip Girl" films on the steps of the Metropolitan Museum of Art earlier this year.

We're giving L.A. a run for its money.

Anyone who's ever walked past filming in New York, from "Gossip Girl" to the latest "Batman" flick, knows the city is a popular place to shoot TV shows and movies.

A new report out yesterday confirmed that New York's film and television sector is the strongest it's ever been.

Television production in the city is now at an all-time high; the industry generated a whopping $7.1 billion last year, according to the results of an economic study conducted by the Boston Consulting Group. That's an increase of more than $2 billion per year since 2002, the report found.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced the report's findings from 30 Rockefeller Center yesterday, where he was joined by members of the "Saturday Night Live" cast.

Film and television production now employs 130,000 people citywide, an increase of 30,000 jobs since 2004.

Adam Weber, 27, is one of those working in the thriving industry.

Weber is a film editor who has worked on HBO's "In Treatment," which filmed at Silvercup Studios in Queens. After moving back and forth between L.A. and New York for a few years, he decided to settle here to produce and direct a documentary.

"The documentary industry is a lot more interesting and sophisticated in New York than L.A.," said Weber. "Here there are a lot of different opportunities: Every once and a while an ad agency will call us up to work on part of their pitch. Or a friend of mine who is a playwright asked me to direct a play written by children. New York offers me an opportunity to branch out."

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Ripple effect felt citywide

The film sector's growth has a ripple effect throughout the city's economy: Filming provides jobs for everyone from recognizable actors and actresses to production assistants, screenwriters, makeup artists and food caterers.

Even passers-by are getting hired: Last year, more than 11,000 extras were asked to pop up on TV shows shot in the city.

The city's beleaguered construction industry, often employed to help build sets and stages, is also helped by the growth.

Last year, a record-number of 23 TV series filmed in New York. METRO/CB

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Panel: Don't blame the obese for their obesity

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▶ Obesity is responsible for an additional $190 billion a year in health care costs, or one-fifth of all health care spending.

America's obesity epidemic is so deeply rooted that it will take dramatic and systemic measures — from overhauling farm policies and zoning laws to, possibly, introducing a soda tax — to fix it, the influential Institute of Medicine said yesterday.

In an ambitious 478-page report, the IOM refutes the idea that obesity is largely the result of a lack of willpower on the part of individuals. Instead, it embraces policy proposals that have met with stiff resistance from the food industry and lawmakers, arguing that multiple strategies will be needed to make the U.S. environment less "obesogenic."

"People have heard the advice to eat less and move more for years, and during that time a large number of Americans have become obese," IOM committee member Shiriki Kumanyika. **REUTERS**

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▶ Six states, plus the District of Columbia, have extended marriage rights to gay couples.

Half of Americans back gay marriage

Half of Americans believe same-sex couples should have the same right to wed as heterosexuals do, slightly down from a year ago but marking the second year that a majority of Americans have supported same-sex marriage, according to a Gallup Poll survey released yesterday.

The poll comes as North Carolina voters went to the polls yesterday to vote on a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as a union between a man and a woman, and effectively ban same-sex marriage and civil unions.

President Barack Obama, who has stopped short of supporting same-sex marriage but has described his position on the issue as evolving, faces mounting pressure to change his stance, especially as his top aides come out in favor of legalization. **REUTERS**

NC set to ban gay marriage

North Carolina voters could deal a blow to efforts across the country to expand gay marriage rights if they approve a state constitutional amendment yesterday to ban same-sex marriage and civil unions.

North Carolina is the only state in the Southeast without such a constitutional prohibition, though same-sex marriage is already outlawed by statute.

President Barack Obama has said he favors civil unions but has stopped short of supporting gay marriage.

Supporters of the proposed amendment in North Carolina, a swing state in the Nov. 6 presidential election, say it would preserve the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman and make laws forbidding gay marriage harder to repeal. **REUTERS**

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Young drivers know risks but keep on texting

Most young American drivers agree that it is dangerous to text while driving, but nearly a third admit they do it anyway, a survey by Consumer Reports shows.

While 8 in 10 said they knew of the risks, about 29 percent of drivers 16 to 21 said they had used text messaging in the past month, the survey found. And, 47 percent said they had made a phone call while driving, without a headset or other hands-free device.

The same survey showed that 48 percent said they had seen one or both of their parents using a cell phone without a hands-free device.

Nevertheless, last year there were the fewest traffic fatalities in the United States in more than six decades.

The number would have been even lower if not for traffic deaths caused by drivers who were distracted by using a mobile phone or engaged in other types of attention-dividing tasks, said Rebecca Lindland, director of automotive research for IHS Inc.

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The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that in 2010, some 3,092 were killed in "distracted-affected crashes," or 9.4 percent of all road deaths.

A NHTSA survey earlier this year showed that younger drivers from ages 18 to 20 showed the highest level of phone involvement in crashes or near-crashes. Drivers of this age are three times more likely to read or send an e-mail or text message while driving than those 25 and older, the NHTSA survey found. **REUTERS**

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▶ Reports of texting while driving drop sharply as age increases, NHTSA said.

Obama widens lead in poll

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama extended his lead over Republican challenger Mitt Romney to seven percentage points because of increased support from independent voters and some optimism over the economy, a Reuters-Ipsos poll showed yesterday.

With six months to go before Election Day on Nov. 6, Obama was backed by 49 percent of registered voters, compared to 42 percent who supported Romney. In April, the poll showed Obama leading Romney 47 percent to 43 percent. **REUTERS**

News in brief

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Top al Qaeda bomb maker linked to plot

WASHINGTON. A U.S. drone strike in Yemen that killed two members of al Qaeda on Sunday was part of a larger effort to intercept a more advanced "underwear bomb," the chairman of the U.S. House Homeland Security Committee said yesterday.

"I was told by the White House that they are connected, that they are part of the same operation," Rep. Peter King said.

It was also revealed that top Al Qaeda bomb-maker Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, a Saudi known for his adeptness at circumventing airport security procedures, was probably behind the bomb plot. **REUTERS**

Facebook changes presentation for Boston visit, Zuck gives it a miss

BOSTON. Facebook Inc.'s initial public offering pitch played to some bad reviews in New York, so for its Boston audience yesterday, the 30-minute video was scrapped and the company took more questions from analysts and potential investors.

Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg did not attend the breakfast pitch at the Four Seasons hotel in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood.

Facebook did not play the video, as it did in New York, after grumblings that not enough time was left for questions from the audience, according to analysts who spoke with officials. **REUTERS**

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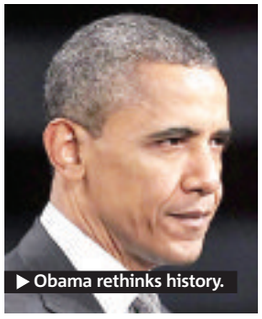
This week, the race to win the future has become a battle over the past. On their respective paths to the White House, President Obama faces continuing pressure over his opportunistic flip-flop on same-sex marriage, while Republican rival Mitt Romney attempts to relitigate the auto bailout in his favor.

Let's start with the president. Obama's troubles over his "evolving" stance on gay rights aren't going away; since we wrote about this issue Monday it's only gotten more air. The background: In a 1996 survey, Obama came out in favor of such legislation. Now he's trying to tiptoe through the tulips, as it were, unwilling to verbalize his past beliefs.

"I favor legalizing same-sex marriages," he wrote then, "and would fight efforts to prohibit such marriages." Now it's something he "wrestle[s] with," a semantic matter of "understanding ... the traditional definitions of marriage."

Obama is struggling against history on this one, and even Republicans — who generally oppose the policy themselves — are joining in on the condemnation. "Either you are for something or you are against it," former New York Gov. George Pataki accused yesterday. "Obama seems to want to have it both ways."

Indeed he does, though that might imply an evolution on bisexual marriage, at the least. We haven't seen that either.



▶ Obama rethinks history.

▶ Romney rewrites history.

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For his part, Romney is clear on his present anti-equality stance. "It's a position I've had for some time, and I don't intend to make any adjustments at this point," he said on Monday. Romney may be generally cagey, but we believe he's bound to this stance. He has, after all, signed the National Organization for Marriage pledge to add anti-gay language to the Constitution.

Meanwhile, following a week in which he criticized Obama over credit-taking in the successful raid on bin Laden, Romney now claims specious credit of his own. Romney would like a pat on the back for the current strength of the auto industry despite opposing a bailout at the height of fallout from the mortgage collapse. "I'll take a lot of credit for the fact that this industry has come back," Romney said on Monday.

We're sure you will. But is it deserved? That seems less clear, in part due to Romney's vague and shifting positions on the subject. "He's been on every side of the auto rescue at different times and said different things," says Steve Rattner, the auto czar who oversaw the bailouts, "so it's hard to know what he honestly thinks."

This much is clear: In 2008, Romney and Obama each agreed that car companies ought to go through the bankruptcy process. The key difference — and this is important — is that Romney wanted to let private interests handle it, while Obama argued for billions in federal tax dollars.

Romney fought the Obama bailout in the strongest possible terms. In a highly publicized New York Times Op-Ed from 2008 called "Let Detroit Go Bankrupt," he argued that following the administration prescription would mean "kiss[ing] the American automotive industry goodbye." Oh, and also this: "Its demise will be virtually guaranteed."

Obama went for the politically risky bailout, and it seems he made the right choice. At the time, with financial firms stretched to the point of collapse, there simply was no private money to be lent. "Without government support in one fashion or another, there were no sources of funding," argued Arthur J. Gonzalez, the judge who managed the Chrysler bankruptcy.

Romney was proven wrong, but still wants the credit; Obama was on the right side of history, but now has devolved. Two politicians, two different historical revisions. When will they understand? Politics lives in the present.

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Find Sendak at well-kept Philly secret

Maurice Sendak was a gifted storyteller from a young age, said longtime friend and Rosenbach Museum John C. Haas Director Derick Dreher. "He really was a storyteller from his earliest day."

"As a child, he was sickly and he was not allowed to go out and play stickball with the other kids, so he would sit on his stoop and tell stories to other people. Everyone gathered around him."

The Rosenbach Museum was open to the public free of charge yesterday in memoriam of Sendak's death at 83. "'Where the Wild Things Are' is definitely one story my kids love and my husband and I grew up on it, too," visitor Mary Kaminski said as she guided her children, ages 4 and 6, through the museum.

She and others wandered through galleries containing more than 10,000 illustrations and manuscripts donated by the author beginning in 1966, when he befriended the museum's then-director at a Free Library conference.

"I've gone around the country and gotten to hear a lot of people's reactions to Maurice's work," said Traveling Exhibitions Coordinator Patrick Rodgers. "You have these great, deep conversations with total strangers because everybody goes back to first seeing it as kids."

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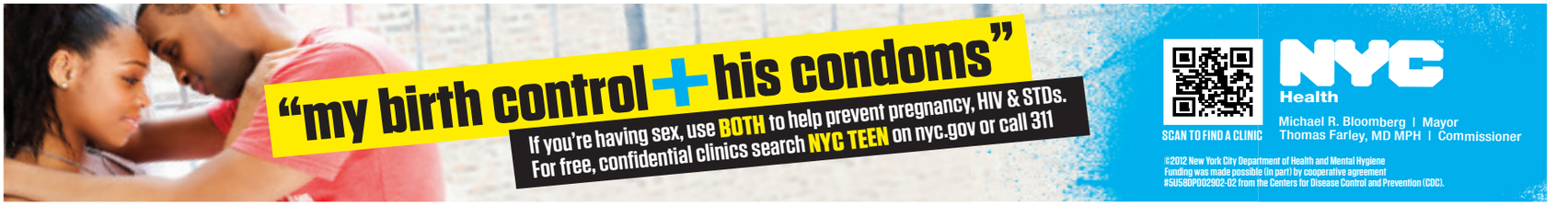
News in pictures

Guided tour of the Rosenbach Museum

Sendak's connection to Rosenbach dates to the 1960s, when he first visited and was "so taken by our collection," Director of Collections Judith Guston said. He's been donating his artwork and creations ever since. METRO/AW

1: Sarah and Alex Kaminski, of Philadelphia, toured the museum's Sendak gallery.
2: Jen King browsed Sendak's "Brundibar."
3: Hundreds of Sendak's early sketches give enthusiasts intimate views of how the artists arrived at finished products.
4: All of Sendak's illustrated works are on display at the museum near 20th and Delancey.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Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

Mila Kunis, superhero extraordinaire

Mila Kunis is having quite the scary week, but she's been handling it like a pro.

On Friday, the actress called police after a man followed her to the gym for the third day in a row. **Stuart Dunn**, a 27-year-old homeless man, had previously been ordered to keep his distance from Kunis after allegedly breaking into her Los Angeles home in January.

Then yesterday, Kunis was dialing 911 again when a man who worked at her home suffered a violent seizure. After he collapsed, she turned his head to the side to prevent choking and offered to ride with him in the ambulance, reports TMZ.

It's just as we suspected: Mila Kunis is an advanced, beautiful superhuman with lifesaving powers, immune to even the perfect excuse to skip the gym. How else do you think she survived eight years in patterned bell-bottoms opposite **Ashton Kutcher**?

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▶ If "That '70s Show" didn't defeat Kunis, nothing can.

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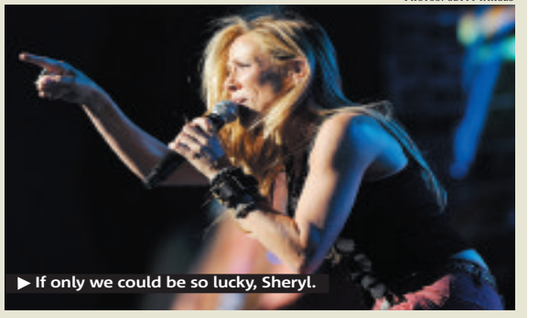

▶ If only we could be so lucky, Sheryl.

Maybe she is crazy, too

Sheryl Crow had to ask her audience for help when she forgot the words to her hit "Soak Up the Sun" during her Saturday show in St. Petersburg, Fla. "I'm 50, what can I say! My brain has gone to s—!" she said after getting back on track.

Which begs the question: What wonderful, merciful rock has Sheryl been hiding under for the past 10 years? I still can't get halfway through the grocery store without hearing about how carefree and tan this chick is.

Join the club, Humphries

Kris Humphries — better known as **Kim Kardashian**'s ex-"husband" — is trying to win custody of that 20-karat rock.

"Kris wants the ring back because the marriage only lasted 72 days and he believes it was based on fraud and deceit," a source tells PerezHilton.com. "Remember, Kim filed for divorce. Kris paid for that ring, and he just can't fathom why Kim would want to keep it."

Well Kris, we want the four hours we spent watching your wedding special back. Best to just move on.

Talking points

Masseur files claim against Travolta

An unnamed man is suing **John Travolta** for sexual battery and assault, claiming the famous actor tried to have sex with him after hiring him for a massage, according to E! News. The suit claims Travolta stripped naked, fondled himself and made several sexual advances at the man. It also states Travolta bragged to the plaintiff that he "got where he is now due to sexual favors he had performed when he was in his 'Welcome Back, Kotter' days." According to the suit, Travolta apologized for his advances and paid the plaintiff double his $400 masseur fee, but apparently that wasn't enough, as he is seeking $2 million in general damages, unspecified punitive damages and court costs. "This lawsuit is complete fiction and fabrication. None of the events claimed in the suit ever occurred," a rep for Travolta says in a statement.

Prince Harry back with his ex?

Prince Harry can't seem to keep ex-girlfriend **Chelsea Davy** out of his life, as the two — who split up officially in 2009 — are reportedly seeing each other, according to Us Weekly. "They're not dating again, but they are seeing each other," a source says. "There's definitely a romantic connection still. They will never be 'just friends' — both of them admit that's impossible."

▶ Prince Harry

No bad mugshot for Matthew Fox

Matthew Fox was arrested for driving under the influence in Oregon earlier this week, but by Hollywood arrest standards he can count himself lucky. "He didn't take a booking photo because the machine was broken," a source tells TMZ. "He'll have to come back and get that done another day." The former "Lost" star was reportedly stopped at 3:23 a.m. while on his way to a fast-food restaurant with a passenger in the car.

Chastain sitting next 'Iron Man' out

Jessica Chastain took to her Facebook page to break it to fans that she won't be going up against **Robert Downey Jr.** in the next "Iron Man" movie. "Sorry to say that 'Iron Man 3' isn't going to work out. My schedule is jammed packed and I can't fit anything else in," Chastain posted. "The press announced my possible attachment far too soon." She was reportedly set to play a "sexy scientist" in the third installment.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Kanye West is taking over to let us know about some men's fashion trends of which he's not particularly fond. Take it away, Kanye.

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Just driving through the city and I see a few thing I hate...

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I Hate big ass striped scarves

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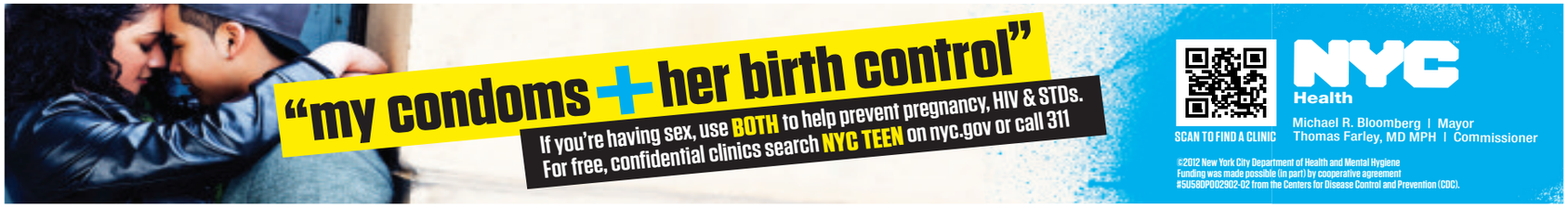
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The best of the Met

The Costume Institute Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art is like fashion's version of the Oscars — only without the boring awards ceremony. Here are some of our favorite looks from Tuesday night — and a couple that missed the mark.

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▶ Mary Kate Olsen, fashion samurai, you went too far in this dress by The Row.

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▶ Tom Brady's hairdo is just weird. He's lucky Gisele Bundchen always kills it on the red carpet.

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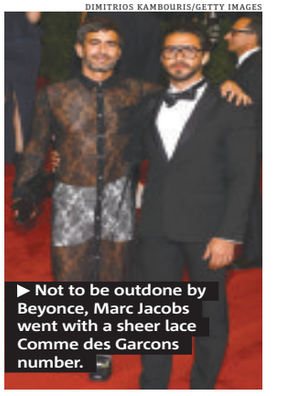

▶ Not to be outdone by Beyonce, Marc Jacobs went with a sheer lace Comme des Garcons number.

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▶ Co-chair Anna Wintour wore a white Prada gown.

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▶ Coco Rocha bought her yellow vintage Givenchy suit at the Liz Taylor auction.

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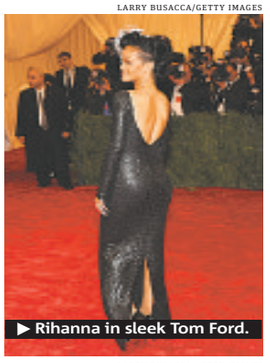

▶ Rihanna in sleek Tom Ford.

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▶ Karolina Kurkova looked like a quirky ole fashion bird from the '60s.

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▶ Love this dress or hate it, it's amazing how fearless Beyonce is when it comes to fashion. Just a few months after delivering baby Blue Ivy she was strutting in this lacy sheer Givenchy Haute Couture gown.

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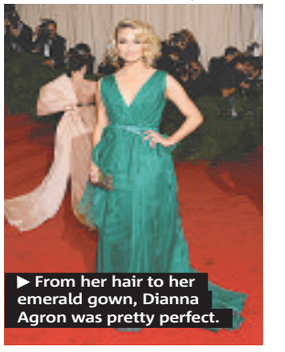

▶ From her hair to her emerald gown, Dianna Agron was pretty perfect.

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▶ Florence Welch reminded us of a pretty dandelion in her Alexander McQueen gown.

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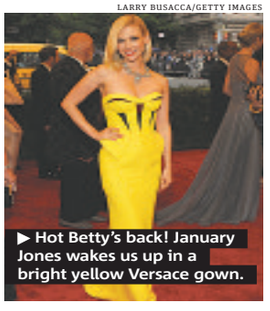

▶ Hot Betty's back! January Jones wakes us up in a bright yellow Versace gown.

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▶ Jessica Alba was one of the many stars who channeled Old Hollywood.

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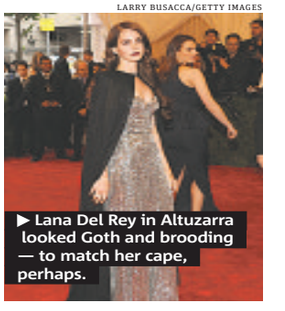

▶ Lana Del Rey in Altuzarra looked Goth and brooding — to match her cape, perhaps.

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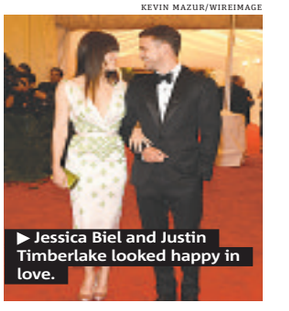

▶ Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake looked happy in love.

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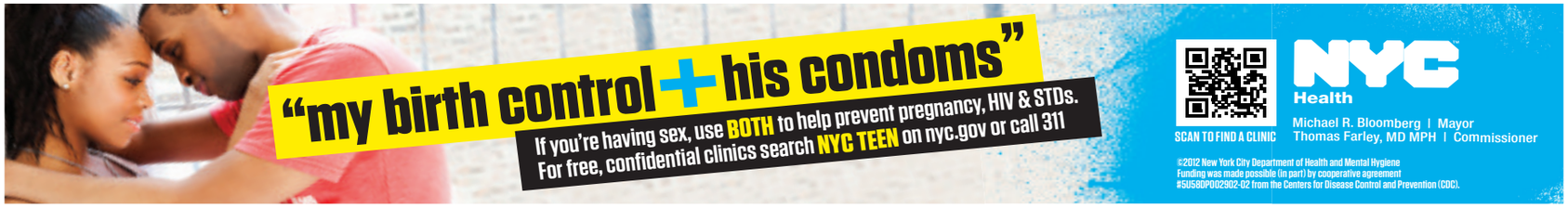
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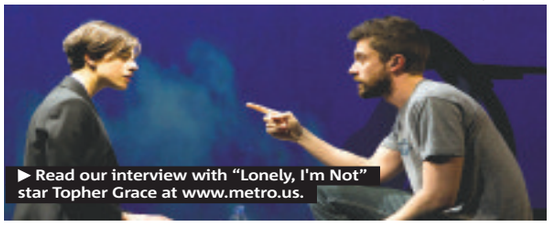

Topher Grace, of "That '70s Show" fame, makes an impressive off-Broadway debut as Porter in Paul Weitz's "Lonely, I'm Not" at Second Stage Theatre. He's as likable as Weitz's comedy, which chronicles Porter's attempts to rejoin the human race four years after a nervous breakdown torpedoed his career as a corporate wunderkind.

"Lonely" finds its wry humor as Porter interviews for a second-grade teacher position and then meets Heather (Olivia Thirlby), an intelligent, ambitious business analyst who happens to be blind.

Their relationship is the focal point of the play. It progresses nicely until Porter's slimy father (Mark Blum) ends up in jail, causing Porter to be hours late for his introductory dinner with Heather's mother (Lisa Emery). He freaks out and leaves after bumping into Heather, sending the chicken saltimbocca flying.

The chemistry between Grace and Thirlby isn't evident, but it's effective in its own way. Weitz populates the piece with vivid supporting characters and gives his detailed leads plenty of sharp, snappy dialogue.

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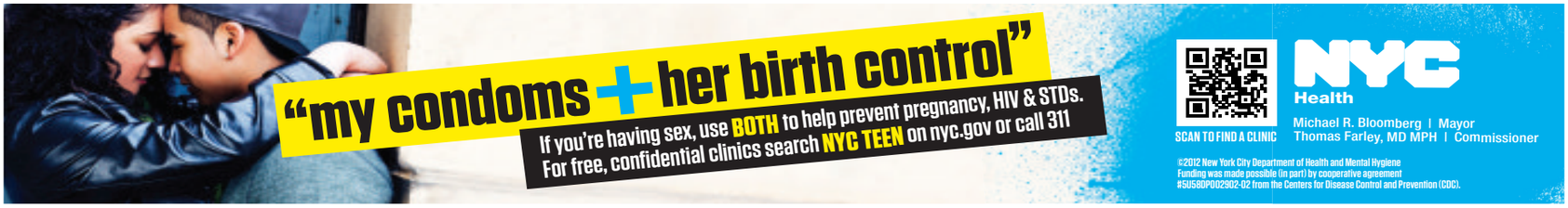
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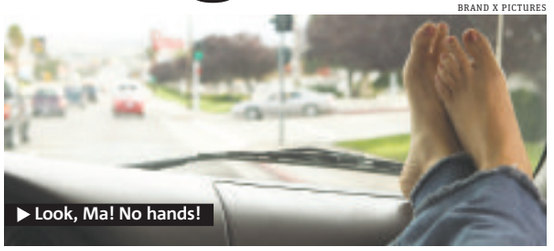

The state of Nevada has issued a first license for one of Google's self-driving cars — provided there are two people inside the car at all times, The Associated Press reports.

Nevada's DMV has issued the license after conducting demonstrations that the car is safe for testing on public streets.

Google's self-driving cars use a laser radar on the roof of the vehicle to detect obstacles, pedestrians and other cars. With the help of GPS and a bit of artificial intelligence, the car can drive itself with very little or no intervention from the human sitting inside.

That said, Nevada's regulations require two people in the test cars: one in the driver's seat, and other monitoring a computer screen that shows the car's planned route as well as traffic lights and other potential hazards on the road.

As soon as the "driver" touches the brake or the wheel, he takes control of the vehicle.

We had a chance to test out one of Google's self-driving cars in March 2011, and the results were good: no glitches, no unwanted close encounters with walls or other obstacles.

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"There are 80,000 chemicals in everyday use that have never been tested," says Dr. Carlos Sonnenschein of Tufts University School of Medicine's Department of Anatomy and Cellular Biology. "It really is a nightmare."

Despite decades of research supported by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences on the harmful effects of BPA and other endocrine disruptors, Dr. Sonnenschein says that "very little has been done about it where it counts for the public, that is, at the regulatory end (EPA, FDA)."

Dr. Sonnenschein urges the public to get involved in banning toxic ingredients because "nothing will change," he says, "without protests before officials who run for local, state and national office. The public has an important stake in this."

The potential effects of such ingredients are widespread: "Hormonal disruptors, at their most radical, cause fetal damage during pregnancy. There's more incidence of breast cancer as there's more exposure. [Pubescent girls] are particularly sensitive to exposure. But, throughout our lives, continuous exposure means the body is storing the chemicals in fat tissue," Dr. Sonnenschein adds.

"Most people are fed up with all these chemicals. The evidence is there. It is time for the regulatory agencies to act to protect the people."

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BPA: here to stay

Despite a lawsuit from the Natural Resources Defense Council, the FDA recently ruled to continue allowing BPA in food packaging. The NRDC's public health program's senior scientist, Dr. Sarah Janssen, responded in a statement, which in part read:

▶ "We believe FDA made the wrong call. The agency has failed to protect our health and safety — in the face of scientific studies that continue to raise disturbing questions about the effects of BPA exposures, especially in fetuses, babies and young children. The FDA is out-of-step with scientific and medical research."

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Deregulating business has led to multiple American events of "the largest fraud in U.S. history" within the past 12 years, with each fraud bigger and costing more than the previous since those involved felt no consequences of their fraud. Those responsible have been rewarded with taxpayer-paid bonuses and free money to pay for their debts. Meanwhile, those hurt the most by all these crimes, who live check to check every week, have been blamed for all of the country's problems; those who have enough wealth to literally buy their own island nations have been exempted from all blame or accountability despite showing massive profits from those frauds. Time after time plenty of us in the 99 percent defend this anti-American behavior. **DOUG BROWN, VIA E-MAIL**

No wonder Romney loves Ryan budget

A more fitting name for the Ryan budget would be "Path to Poverty" as it would significantly worsen inequality and increase poverty and hardship for millions of vulnerable households. Republicans don't seem to care that one in four American children live in poverty. They're too busy lecturing Democrats about the budget deficit they created while defending huge tax giveaways to millionaires, big corporations and war profiteers. According to the nonpartisan Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, under the Ryan budget, millionaires such as Mitt Romney would receive an additional $265,000 yearly tax break while people making less than $20,000 per year would see a tax increase of $200. It's no wonder Mitt Romney called the Ryan budget "an excellent piece of work." **JEAN INGLIS, VIA E-MAIL**

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Higher taxes don't create revenues

RE: "TAX INEQUALITY NOT SO SIMPLE TO SMEAR": While Ms. Miluski's taxation statistics may be correct she ignores the more fundamental question: Does the federal government have a revenue or spending problem? Debt is the result of continual deficits. Deficits are a result of expenditures being greater than revenues. Tax policy should be designed around economic growth. Tax increases don't generate revenue so it's obvious the government has a spending problem. **KELLY DONNOE, LYNBROOK**

French fell for socialism stories

So, the French have voted themselves a new socialist leader. What a disgrace! How voters could align themselves with the likes of Hitler, Lenin, Pol Pot, Castro, Karl Marx, et al, is beyond me. I guess the French people fell for the socialist fairy tale. **FRANK ST GEORGE, EAST ROCKAWAY**

Horoscope

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Over the years, you've acquired much valuable information that you use in bits and pieces from time to time. It behooves you to market what you know in greater measure.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't hesitate to go along with changing conditions, even if they appear to have no practical purpose. They could carry you into greener pastures, where new things are happening.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Carefully consider all decisions that would affect others as well as yourself. A misjudgment on your part could have wide, negative consequences.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Carefully examine all the facets when considering a job change. Be sure any move you make will be a step up the ladder and not an ignominious descent.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If your social life has been a bit hollow lately, don't wait for the mountain to come to you. Take the initiative to get out, be friendly and mingle with as many new people as possible.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Before surging ahead on a brand-new idea, activity or project, bring to a satisfactory conclusion what you already have on your plate. Overlapping activities could tangle up your life.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A good idea you've been mulling over that you haven't been able to get off the ground can be transformed into something that would fulfill a pressing need. Try it and see.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** There is some kind of channel available to you that you haven't utilized yet, but which could possibly contribute to your material security.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** You have excellent chances for success if you take personal control over your life and make things happen without being subject to committee approval.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Because you're innately endowed with keen intuition and good powers of perception, you have better-than-average chances of arriving at accurate conclusions. Don't hesitate to use this gift.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Whether you realize it or not, you're endowed with sound instincts and excellent powers of perception. The trick to using them well is to make sure your attitude remains positive at all times.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Something to do with your career and/or finances that would have far-reaching, beneficial results can be achieved by applying a little extra effort. Make it your primary task. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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Devils silence Flyers

New Jersey moves on to Eastern Conference finals with 3-1 victory in Philadelphia ◐ Wait on Rangers-Capitals series for opponent ◐ Kovalchuk, Brodeur strong; Salvador surprises

Martin Brodeur rekindled some decade-old magic while Ilya Kovalchuk continued a rebirth of his own in defeating the Flyers, 3-1, to move on to the Eastern Conference finals.

New Jersey is making their first trip to the conference finals since 2002-03 when they won the Stanley Cup.

The Flyers got the quick start they needed when Max Talbot scored his fourth goal of the postseason at the 7:18 mark of the first period.

It would last just 2:09, however, and that would be the only lead Philadelphia would have all night.

Bryce Salvador scored the equalizer at 9:27 off an assist from Kovalchuk. It wouldn't be his last point of the night.

David Clarkson closed out the scoring in the first period, unassisted, off a deflection on a poorly played puck by Philadelphia goalie Ilya Bryzgalov.

With the lead just one goal in the third, Kovalchuk added the capper at 5:00 with a wicked slapshot.

Brodeur made 27 saves.

The Devils move to 7-3 all-time in Game 5s when they lead 3-1. MARK OSBORNE

DEVILS 3 | FLYERS 1 **Devils win series 4-1**

▶ Ilya Kovalchuk silenced the Philadelphia crowd with his third period goal that put the Devils up 3-1.

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In the news

Clemens trial

The perjury trial of Roger Clemens began its fourth week yesterday, something which apparently didn't escape the judge, as he called it "boring."

Kirk Radomski, the old Mets batboy who sold drugs to many athletes and reportedly provided them to Clemens' trainer Brian McNamee, testified yesterday. He showed the jury an old package of HGH kits addressed to McNamee and said Clemens injected.

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The Flyers scored on just 15.7 percent of their power play chances in the series (3-of-19). They scored 12 power play goals against Pittsburgh last series.

1-6

The Flyers were 1-6 this postseason when they scored the first goal — as they did in Game 5 last night. According to Elias, that is the worst record in NHL history.

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Knicks won't have PG Lin

The Knicks head to Miami for tonight's Game 5 down 3-1, undermanned and without any help on the way, as interim head coach Mike Woodson said, "Jeremy [Lin] will not play in this series."

Lin isn't the only hobbled Knicks player as the team is already without the services of rookie Iman Shumpert and veteran point guard Baron Davis, who both suffered crippling knee injuries.

ON TV TONIGHT

Knicks at Heat — Game 5
7 p.m., TNT

Woodson said Lin's availability was irrelevant because they had gone so long without him.

"The test came following his workouts (the 3-on-3 scrimmages), whether Jeremy could cut, guard people, handle the ball and make plays for others off the dribble. He talked about how he wanted to play, but again it wasn't in the cards," said Woodson.

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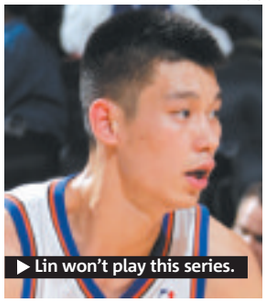

▶ Lin won't play this series.

Carmelo Anthony, fresh off an epic 41-point explosion in the Game 4 win, said he hasn't lost faith despite the mounting drama.

"We'll just try to utilize to the best we can who we have [in uniform]. Guys that are healthy need to just stay healthy," said Anthony. "Everybody is pushing harder and with more focus. [The Heat] see us hurting so they're going at us. It what it is. It's a challenge in not knowing what's going to happen, but I personally need to jump up and take this challenge."

"I just told them to take a deep breath and relax," Woodson said. "I think they'll respond."

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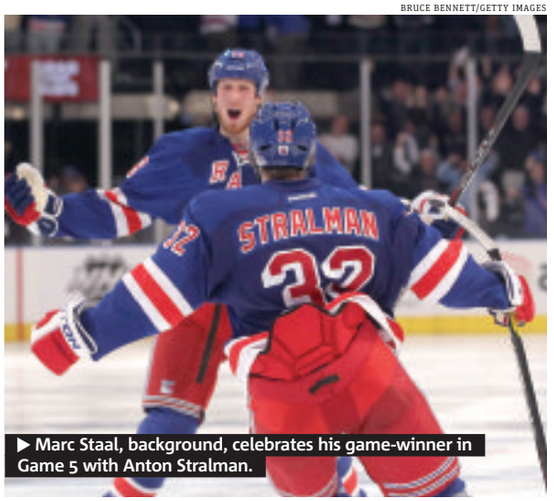

▶ Marc Staal, background, celebrates his game-winner in Game 5 with Anton Stralman.

Rangers need one more win

Team still relishing Game 5 win
Richards making presence known

The task facing the Rangers sounds simple — win just one game.

"We're focused on that," Brandon Prust said after the Rangers congregated at Madison Square Garden early yesterday afternoon for a team meeting and on-ice practice before taking a train to Washington.

The Rangers lead the best-of-seven series three games to two following their improbable 3-2 overtime win Monday night.

Brad Richards scored the game-tying goal with 6.6 seconds remaining in regulation and Marc Staal's goal 1:35 in to overtime was the game-winner. Both goals were scored during a four-minute power play after Joel Ward high-sticked Carl Hagelin in the mouth.

"Richie's goal was huge. We just wanted to tie it up; we wanted to score and send it to overtime," Prust said. "We did that. We're happy about that. It gave us a boost for sure and we carried it over onto overtime."

"It was definitely an emotional turnaround. You're down a little bit, the game's almost over and you're kind of thinking loss, [then] all of a sudden you've won," Prust said. "It's pretty overwhelming."

"He's got 'it.' He just has 'it.' He's made big plays at key times," Rangers head coach John Tortorella said of Richards. "I don't have to say a word to him about [responding from a poor performance]. Early on in his career, yes. But Brad — that is what he is. He knows how to assess his game. I don't have to assess his game."

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Pettitte to make his Yankees return Sunday

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▶ Pettitte will make his return to the Bronx on Mother's Day.

General manager Brian Cashman announced before last night's game with the Rays that Andy Pettitte will be slotted in to pitch Sunday against the Mariners at Yankee Stadium.

"I think everyone is in agreement that he's not going to really benefit from any more time down below," Cashman said.

There was some thought that Pettitte might need another minor league start, but the Yankees felt four was enough. In those starts, Pettitte had a 3.71 earned run average in 17 innings.

"At some point you make a call, especially with veterans it's kind of difficult," Cashman said. "You've seen Andy go through the process. There's only so much you're going to see at a certain level. It's not necessarily always performance related. Obviously, you have to see stuff, you have to see a lot of different things, but sometimes it's hard to judge on the results."

"Reports that I've gotten have been pretty good," manager Joe Girardi said. "He struggled a little bit in his last with command of some of his pitches, but that doesn't mean that he's ready or he's not ready. We feel that he's physically ready."

Pettitte has not faced major league hitters since Game 3 of the 2010 ALCS on Oct. 18, 2010.

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Rivera suffers 'complication'

Mariano Rivera consulted with Dr. Chris Ahmad and Russell Warren on Monday at Columbia Presbyterian, but no surgery is scheduled.

Reports circulated that Rivera experienced some complications, which was confirmed by Cashman. He didn't comment on the reports, but said it would not impact Rivera's ability to pitch in 2013.

"I'll let Mo talk about it when he is here," he said. "Any follow-ups on that should go to Mo. He is in good spirits and you'll see him tomorrow." METRO/LF

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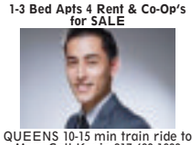

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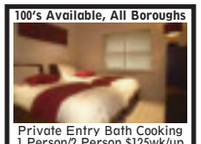

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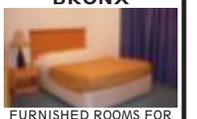

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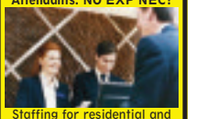

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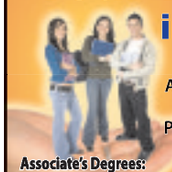

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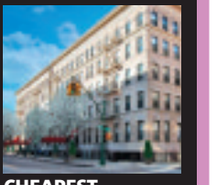

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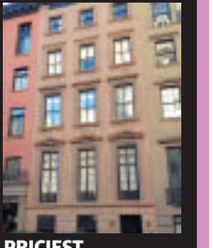

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The most expensive property listed this week is a town house at 11 Gramercy Park. This five-floor mansion is listed by the Modlin Group for $25M.

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Breaking down the monthly nut

A price breakdown on renting versus owning in Manhattan now

To buy or not to buy: That is the question for many New Yorkers, particularly as the gap between the monthly cost of owning and renting a home in Manhattan has narrowed.

While mortgage rates remain at historic lows, rents continue to rise: the median Manhattan rent hit $3,100 in the first quarter of this year, 7.1 percent higher than last year, according to appraisal firm Miller Samuel.

That has some New Yorkers taking a closer look at the calculus of purchasing a home. "If you have consistent increases in rent, at some point, those who have the down payment say, 'Hey, I really need to start considering buying again,'" said Yuval Greenblatt, an executive vice president at Prudential Douglas Elliman.

This month, The Real Deal examined the "monthly nut." Based on co-op, condo and rental listings available in late April, StreetEasy found the median asking price in each neighborhood. Then the listings provider determined the median monthly taxes, maintenance, and a typical monthly mortgage payment, assuming a 30-year fixed-rate loan with a 20 percent down payment and a 4 percent interest rate. Next, The Real Deal compared those totals to the median asking rent in each neighborhood to come up with the difference between owning and renting. Here are some of the findings. For the complete story, visit www.therealdeal.com.

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▶ In Manhattan below 96th Street, the median asking rent for a one-bedroom apartment was $3,200 per month. The monthly cost of owning a one-bedroom co-op was $3,449, and was $4,247 for a one-bedroom condo.

Co-ops are the way to go

"The rent versus buy clearly favors co-ops right now," when it comes to owning, said Miller Samuel president Jonathan Miller, who reviewed the data.

New construction tax breaks, such as 421a tax abatements, may have a drastic effect on the monthly costs of individual condo buildings, but with only so many across a neighborhood (and mortgage costs factored in), that effect is watered down. Likewise, maintenance fees and common charges depend more on a property's service levels and upkeep than location.

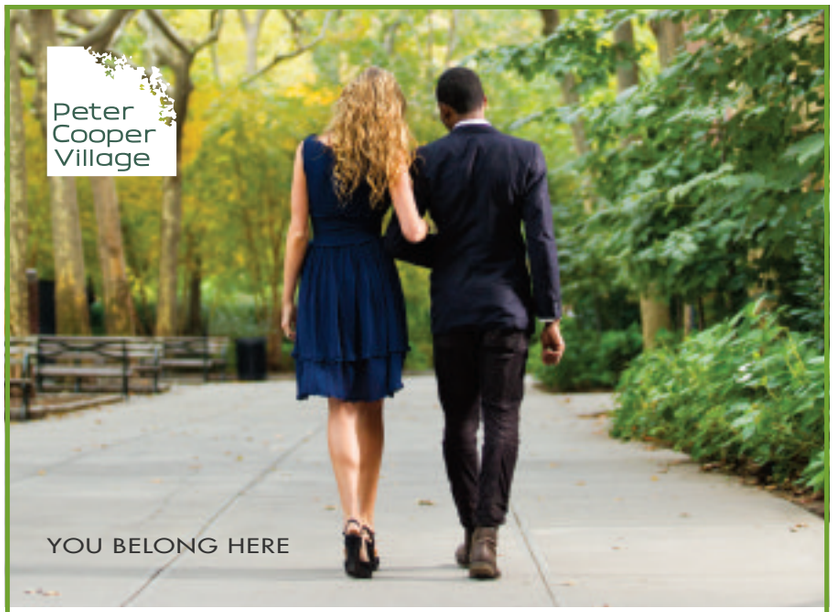
Additionally, entry-level apartments — particularly co-ops or homes in less expensive areas like the East Village/Lower East Side — are cheaper to buy than to rent, in contrast to a year ago, Miller said.

When you should rent over buying

On a monthly basis, units with more bedrooms are cheaper to rent than to own, especially when measured against smaller units in the same area. This is partly due to the scarcity of larger for-sale apartments, which can push up the price of listings.

For example, the median rent for a Murray Hill/Kips Bay studio is $2,300, or about the same as the monthly cost of owning a studio condo. However, the median rent for a three-bedroom in the area is $5,895, while a similar condo costs $10,524 per month — a difference of about 44 percent.

"The sweet spot is one- and two-bedrooms ... where it's often beneficial to purchase," said Mark David Fromm, CEO of brokerage Mark David & Co.



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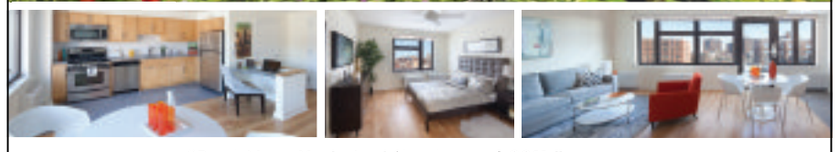

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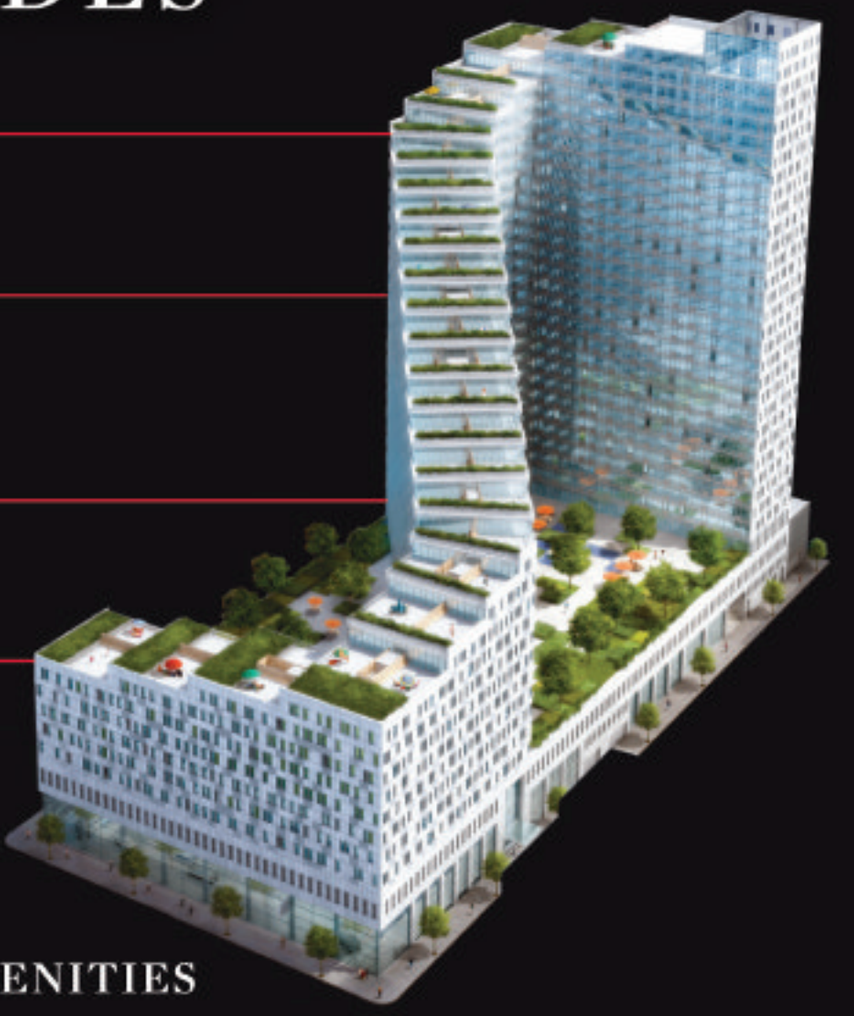

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How to rent on the cheap

In today's market, we're all looking for as many tricks as possible to save money. For some pointers on saving on what's likely your biggest monthly expense — rent, we tapped Nicole Lapin, editor-in-chief of Recessionista.com.

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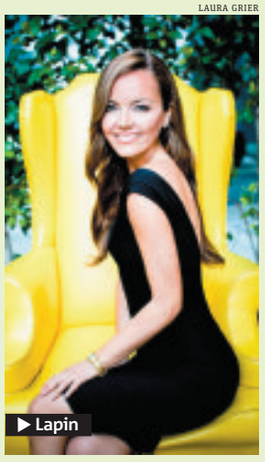

▶ Lapin

▶ **Prep like a pro:** Many buildings require proof of employment, one to two bank statements and a photocopy of your driver's license as part of the lease-signing process. Make several copies of these documents ahead of time and bring them with you while you look. If you see an apartment that you like, you'll be one step ahead of anyone else vying for it.

▶ **It's all in the details:** Look for apartments on lower floors, the back of the building or across from the elevator. Sure, it may be a tad noisier and you may not have that view of the park, but these minor inconveniences can reduce your rent dramatically.

▶ **"Location, location, location":** Is the apartment far from the grocery store or subway? Is there laundry in the building? You don't want to lose the savings you've made on transportation or takeout, so make sure your pad is close to these necessities.

▶ **Go in for the long haul:** Before you sign the lease, ask your potential landlord if he or she will lower the monthly rent if you sign for longer than 12 months. An 18-month or two-year lease means less work for them trying to find a new tenant, touch up the apartment and market the property at year's end, which could translate into major savings for you. At least ask for a longer-term discount — the worst they can say is no. That can really make a difference.

▶ **Look for the grand opening:** Management companies often want to fill the building as quickly as possible after opening to boost its profile and exclusivity. Empty apartments don't turn a profit. Pay attention to when new apartment buildings hit the market, and you may be able to sneak in under the listed price.

"You have to think of renting as an entire package, not just the check that you pay every month for the rent but all of the ancillary costs as well."
LAPIN

▶ **Newer can be cheaper:** While instinct might tell you to look into older walk-up buildings first, newer buildings can actually be sneak-attack money savers in the long-run. They're up to code and often come with energy-saving utilities, not to mention newer windows and insulation to cut down on heating and cooling costs.

▶ **Fix up, look sharp:** Take a close look at all of the apartment's fixtures, tiling, heating and air conditioning units, etc. to make sure they're in tip-top shape before you sign. The building's management will be more likely to fix any problems — and fast — if they think it might be a dealbreaker on signing. Better to have it fixed on their dime than to wait and pay for it yourself later. ● METRO

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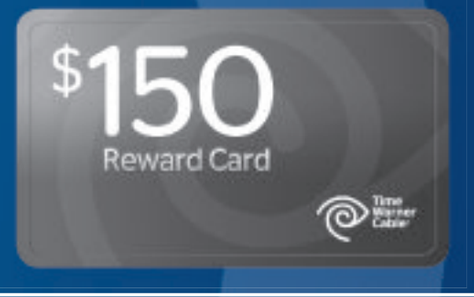

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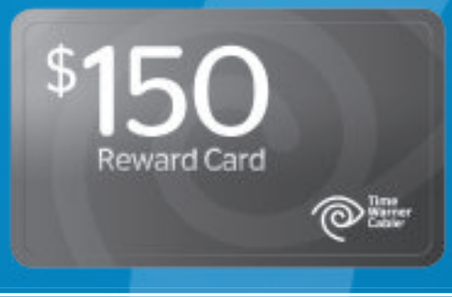

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